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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: William H. Pierce
Docket No.: 5705-001
Application No.: 10/726,796
Filed: December 2, 2003
Title: Trailer to Vehicle Connecting System

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102 (C) AND MPEP §708.02

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions that the above identified application be granted special status so that it will be taken up by the Examiner ahead of its regular turn due to the age of the Applicant.

Enclosed is a copy of Applicant's birth certificate and a declaration affirming that Applicant is over 65 years old.

No fee is due for this type of petition.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Mason".

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Date: December 16, 2003
Docket: 5705-001



DECLARATION FOR AGE PETITION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **TRAILER TO VEHICLE CONNECTING SYSTEM**.

I hereby state that I am over 65 years old.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor (first name, last name)

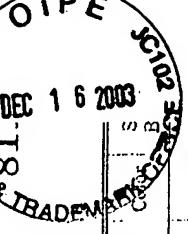
William H. Pierce

Inventor's signature

William H. Pierce
(William H. Pierce)

Date 12 - 3 - 03

BIRTHS Registered in the city of Providence, R. I.



Date of Record	Date of Birth	Full Name of Child	No. of the Child	Sex	Color	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Age of Father
						Town or Street and Number		
1929 Dec	1929 Jan 4	William Henry Pierce	1st & S	Male	Caucasian	Fair Haven Hospital West Cranston Rd	William H. (39 yrs)	39 yrs

For the Year ending December 31st, 1929

Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Age	Color	Birthplace of Mother	Physician or Midwife
Toolmaker	Fall River Mass	Helena Corbett	37 yrs	Dark Coppery Brown	Mass	

CITY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE,

Providence, September 2d 1951

I, the undersigned, City Registrar of the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Record of the Birth of the above mentioned person, as recorded in Book No. 29
Page 31, of the Records of Births in said City of Providence, of which I am the legal custodian.

Witness my hand and seal,

Joseph Smith
City Registrar



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Sir:

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I hereby certify that this paper(s), which is a Declaration for Age Petition for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/726,796 entitled TRAILER TO VEHICLE CONNECTING SYSTEM (Our File No. 5705-001) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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Mailed By: Linda Quinn